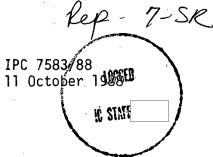
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DDR&E Ad Hoc Steering Group

This memorandum is for your information.

SUBJECT:

FY 1989 National Intelligence Topics

2. I would like to bring to your attention the attached National
Intelligence Topics (NITs) for FY 1989. The document was recently approved by
the Senior Interagency Group, Committee on Intelligence Requirements and
Priorities (SIG-I). The Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) Staff
implemented several enhancements to the NITs process this year as part of our
effort to improve the top-level requirements system. This has resulted in a
more focused message to the Intelligence Community about the critical
intelligence needs stated by our top policymakers. The NITs thereby represen
a key element of the top-level requirements structure. You may recall in the
minutes of the SIG-I Committee meeting I recently sent you that the DDCI
commended the policymaking community for their efforts in producing this
year's NITs and urged the members to remind their organizations that constant
interaction between the policymaking and intelligence communities is critical
if intelligence is to do its ich

3. The NITs process, of course, is a year-long effort that only begins with the publication of the document. In his foreword to the NITs document, the DCI stated that the intelligence-producing organizations must focus their production to address the NITs. Intelligence producers received advanced copies of the document for use in developing their FY 1989 research and production plans. The Collection Committees are to use them in formulating requirements and priorities. The Foreign Intelligence Priorities Committee already is adjusting priorities in the US Foreign Intelligence Requirements, Categories, and Priorities (FIRCAP) in response to the NITs. The IPC Staff will be monitoring and reporting the Intelligence Community's response to these NITs on a periodic basis throughout the year.

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